

V. _____ CAN WE SPREAD JOY

A. We must _____ for everyone to experience the joy of The Lord.

“⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. again, I will say, rejoice!

⁵ Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.” Philippians 4:4-5

B. We must _____ our identity as ambassadors for Christ.

“²⁰ Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God.”
II Corinthians 5:20

C. We must _____ to make heaven crowded.

*“¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.”* Matthew 28:19-20

D. We must _____ when the lost are found there is JOY.

“³² It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.” Luke 15:32

EXPERIENCE THE GIFTS OF CHRISTMAS

Experience The Gift Of Joy

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Introduction:

A. Welcome to the Christmas season! For some it is the most wonderful time of the year. For others it is the most difficult time of the year. But for everyone it can be a time of celebration if we all experience the gift of Jesus.

“¹⁵ Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!”
II Corinthians 9:15

The indescribable gift of Christmas is Jesus and He is the gift that keeps on giving!

B. Attend and Experience The Gifts Of Christmas Teaching Series and experience Jesus and His gifts of peace, hope, love, salvation and joy. Discover how to unwrap these gifts through this verse-by-verse study of Romans 5:1-11.

Dec 8	Experience The Gift Of Peace
Dec 15	Experience The Gift Of Hope
Dec 22	Experience The Gift Of Love
Dec 23 & 24	Experience The Gift Of Salvation
TODAY	Experience The Gift Of Joy

C. **TEXT:** Romans 5:11

Once again, the Apostle Paul wrote, *“And not only that,”* (Romans 5:11a). He continues to stack up the gifts of Christmas!

EXPERIENCE THE GIFT OF JOY

HOW TO EXPERIENCE THE GIFT OF JOY

I. _____ IS JOY?

A. The world says joy is _____ and based on _____.

B. The Word says joy is _____. It based on _____ in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior and experienced by the power of the Holy Spirit.

“¹³ Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13

“²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,” Galatians 5:22

II. _____ OF JOY

A. Joy of _____.

“⁷ I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety nine just persons who need no repentance.”

Luke 15:7

B. Joy of _____.

“¹ And Hannah prayed and said: “My heart rejoices in the LORD; My horn is exalted in the LORD. I smile at my enemies, Because I rejoice in Your salvation.”

I Samuel 2:1

C. Joy of _____.

“¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.”

John 15:11

D. Joy of God’s _____.

“¹¹ You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.” Psalm 16:11

III. MORE _____ OF JOY

A. _____

“¹¹ You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; You have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,” Psalm 30:11

B. The _____

“¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.” Matthew 2:10

C. _____

“²⁴ I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church,”

Colossians 1:24

IV. IT’S _____ TO REJOICE IN SUFFERING

A. It helps _____.

1. Prepares us for our eternal weight of glory (2 Corinthians 4:17).

2. Shapes us more into the image of Christ (I Peter 2:21).

B. It helps _____.

1. Suffering is not just for me but for others too (Colossians 1:24).

2. We are able to comfort others with the same comfort we’ve received (2 Corinthians 1:4).

C. It gives God _____.

1. God received the glory in Christ’s suffering.

2. Everything exists for God’s purpose and reflects his glory back.

“³⁶ For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.”

Romans 11:36